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Campers form up during Camp Gator





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**Front Cover: Camp Gator campers practice dress-right-dress as Senior Master Sgt. Mark Johnson, Camp Gator leader, looks on. See story and additional photos on page 6. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ruben Delgado)**

## From the Top

First, I would like to thank our Family Day and Golf Tournament committees for a fantastic job of planning and coordinating our Family Day activities last month. Both were a tremendous success, and I think our families had a great time. It took a lot of hard work from many unit members to pull it off. Also, thanks again to our community partners that helped make this a very special year.

I would also like to thank every member of our Wing for the great effort on our recent Unit Compliance Inspection by the Air Force Reserve Command Inspector General. The IG sent an e-mail to Lt. Gen. James Sherrard, AFRC commander, stating we had the best results of any Wing he had inspected during his tour as the IG (24 Wing inspections). All of you can be extremely proud.

On the Fourth of July, Americans the world over celebrate the birthday of our great nation. And what a nation it is! Only in America...can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance. Only in America...do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions, while the healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front. Only in America...do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counter. Only in America...do we buy hot dogs in packages of 10 and buns in packages of eight. So as you have family picnics and try to



**Brig. Gen. Jack Ihle**  
917th Wing Commander

get the hot dogs and buns matched up, pause to remember those who made the supreme sacrifice in the name of freedom for our country. And let's not forget the many men and women serving around the world who will not be spending this holiday with their families.

Have a safe holiday, and I look forward to seeing you at the Unit Training Assembly.

## Be cool and give!

### Wing Blood Drive

July 12

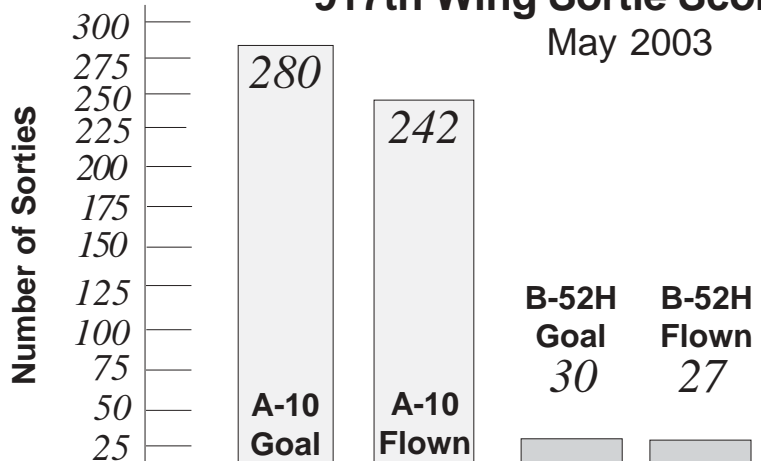
Noon - 3 p.m.

Wing headquarters parking lot



## 917th Wing Sortie Scoreboard

May 2003



**A-10 Mission Capable Rate 78.8%**  
**B-52H Mission Capable Rate 49.9%**

**AFRC Goal 75%**  
**AFRC Goal 65%**



# Wing celebrates **Family Day 2003**

PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. SHANNON COLLINS

**Grady Savant, son of Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant, 917th Wing Public Affairs Gator Gazette editor, blows bubbles during Family Day on June 7. More than 1,100 reservists and their families enjoyed food, games and activities throughout the day. Below: Tech. Sgt. Paul Lopez, 917th Civil Engineer Squadron power production technician, dives for a water balloon that his son, Paul Daniel Lopez, tossed. Francesca Townsend, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Zina Coffee, 917th Maintenance Operations Squadron inventory management supervisor, tried to stay out of the way in case the balloon busted.**







Master Sgt. Elroy Haynes, 717th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron A-10 crew chief, fills a liquid oxygen tank on an A-10 aircraft. Bottom: Tech. Sgt. Matt Sharpley, 917 MXS munitions technician, hands off a BDU-33 bomb to fellow technician, Master Sgt. Bobby Deshotel, to be loaded onto an A-10 aircraft.



Lt. Col. James Macaulay, 47th Fighter Squadron A-10 instructor pilot and Operation Patriot Pursuit at the Combat Readiness Training Center in G.



## 47 FS trains guys on

**By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant  
Wing Public Affairs**

He guides from the ground with map in hand, leading a pilot to his intended target. The hit...a success as the plane buzzes the tower for round two.

In June, reservists from the 47<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron deployed to Gulfport, Miss., to train the 9<sup>th</sup> Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Hood, Texas, on the finer art of close air support.

"The trick is...most of these guys are trained to control Close Air Support on static targets on a controlled range," said Maj. Jim Travis, 47 FS A-10 instructor pilot and deployment project officer. "What we're trying to do is introduce the tactics of hitting things that may be moving and difficult for the guys on the ground to see."

"We'll take the first half of a go (range-time) and play by their rules by letting them feed us the targets," he said. "Then halfway through the range time, we'll start seeing other tactical targets they can't see and start introducing those as



PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. SHERRI SAVANT

deployment commander, performs a pre-flight check on an A-10 during Gulfport, Miss.

## ground, sharpens skills

options, creating a little bit of a mind bender for them. They have to consider a more complex tactical situation than what they had scripted out in their heads. We're trying to create a tactical problem that generates inputs from multiple directions and trains them to hit multiple targets. It's a constant drive to create training that more closely mirrors combat operations."

"We are providing ways to optimize close air support instead of just doing this I see it...you kill it. I see it...you kill it," said Travis. "If the enemy is that close, the guys on the ground are being engaged. If we wait and only train to that emergency level, we're missing a huge opportunity."

The mission doesn't start here, however. It starts about an hour-and-a-half earlier, when maintenance personnel coordinate to prepare planes for takeoff.

"The maintenance guys play a big part in the mission," said Senior Master Sgt. Tommy Robinson, 717th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron project supervisor. "Without them, the pilots couldn't put the bombs on the targets and perform their role."

"It's like a well-oiled machine," he said. "When the jets come in, everybody's jumping on them and getting them turned as quickly as they can for the pilots to do their next mission."

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Tech. Sgt. Dwain Sadler, 717th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aircraft communication and navigation systems mechanic, explains to Capt. Travis Caughlin, 717 AMXS commander, the purpose of each antenna on the A-10 aircraft.

## Experiencing a difference

*Caughlin commands fighter maintenance squadron for first time in 16-year career*

**By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant**  
**Wing Public Affairs**

After more than 16 years of maintaining heavies, Capt. Travis Caughlin has lightened his load and moved over to the fighter community as the newly-appointed commander of the 717<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

The pace, Caughlin says, is incredibly faster.

Having been a maintenance officer with the 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Squadron for the past year-and-a-half, Caughlin says the mission of the 717 AMXS is very different from what he is used to with the bombers.

"After launching a large airplane, you may not see it again for 10 to 15 hours in certain environments," he said. "You see these (A-10s), an hour to two hours later coming right back. They launch, they come back. They launch again, they come back."

"That is the luxury of this great airframe," said Caughlin.

"They don't break very often, so when a pilot comes back, you send him out again in minimal time."

"The A-10 squadron has a dedicated training mission, whereas the bombers have both training and combat missions, which calls for ancillary requirements such as SORTS reporting and chemical warfare exercises," he said. "There are a lot of things to be prepared for."

"In the 717<sup>th</sup>, we can concentrate more on aircraft maintenance and sortie generation," said Caughlin. "I think that helps in a pilot training environment, because you can keep the airplanes up and flying a lot more when you don't have to worry about other things. Those additional requirements are certainly necessary and important for other missions, but we have the luxury of focusing just on maintenance."

Caughlin says he plans to absorb all he can from those more experienced in the A-10 world.

"There is an old Navy saying I like to go by," he said, "which states, 'You never change your sails the first ten minutes of

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Brandon Bonton helps Rachel Hall design their squadron's boat during the boat building activity at the base enlisted pool. Each squadron built a boat out of cardboard and duct tape and set sail, in hopes their boat would make it the entire journey. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)



Cody Lambert looks on cautiously while Erick Smith aims to catch a ball headed straight for his glove. Each squadron competed for the top spot during the softball competition. (Photo by Master Sgt. Greg Steele)



Staff Sgt. Michael Nemeth, 917th Security Forces Squadron security forces instructor, shows a child the Firearms Training Simulator. In addition to FATS training, campers also experience the Wing's security forces and strapped into the hanging harness while touring the Wing. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ruben Delgado)

## Camp Gator kids

By Tech. Sgt. Ruben Delgado  
Wing Public Affairs

Sounds of stomping feet and excited laughter from children fill the air as they run down the stairs to morning formation. Camping...the excitement of discovering new places and making friendships, some of which may last forever, begins now.

"Atten-HUH" yells Camp Leader Senior Master Sgt. Mark Johnson as silence falls upon the crowd of young campers. A week filled with adventure begins for 30 young boys and girls, children of 917th Wing members, at Camp Gator from June 7- 13.

The purpose behind the camp...to bridge the gap between military members and their children...to give the children a better appreciation of what their parents experience as Air Force Reservists, according to Johnson.

The squadrons fall out in a military style formation every morning at 7 a.m. for an open-ranks inspection,



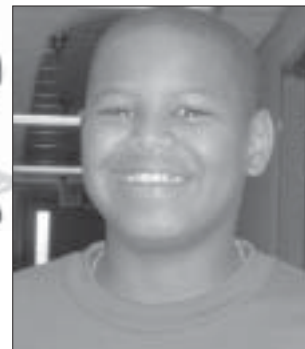
Security policeman, helps David Chasteen fire an M-16 using the . . . visited an A-10 and a B-52 static display, flew the A-10 simulator, (Photo by Master Sgt. Greg Steele)



Stephen McClain places his MRE into a box held by Senior Airman Patricia Gonzalez, medic, to heat it for lunch. (Photo by Master Sgt. Greg Steele)



## What did you enjoy most at Camp Gator and why?



**Reginald Jones, son of Tech. Sgt. Linda Jones, 917th Wing Safety**

"I liked the FATS the best, because it seemed real easy even though it wasn't."

# Kids hang tough

followed by a day packed with fun-filled activities. Campers learn to work together after being separated into three squadrons the first day. Team integrity and spirit are built into many competitive activities like archery, hiking, canoeing, and boat building.

"The children...given six sheets of cardboard and three rolls of duct tape, are told to build a boat that will stay afloat," said Johnson. "They use their math and science skills and make it happen."

What started as a dream is now a reality when Cherrie Tiggeman, chief of 2<sup>nd</sup> Services Squadron Family Member Programs Flight, took it upon herself to reach out to the 917th Wing.

"The idea was to introduce kids to the military through a one-day mock deployment," said Tiggeman. "Never in my wildest dreams did I think this would turn into what is has...a seven-day camp"

"The campers have worked hard and learned a lot," said Johnson, "and are walking away with a new perspective on what their mothers and fathers contribute to the Wing and to our country. That is what the camp is all about."

*Editors note: Many thanks to all who made this camp a success.*

**Lance Allison, son of Tech. Sgt. Eric Allison, 917th Maintenance Squadron**

"I liked bowling best, because it is my third favorite sport."



**Elizabeth Seago, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Jerry Seago, 917th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron**

"I liked archery best, because I hit the bullseye three times."



# Wing news...

## Learn to fly the friendly skies

If you wish to fly, but need a little help and know-how, your opportunity has come! The Barksdale Aero Club is now offering a \$59 orientation ride with a certified flight instructor to insure your first lesson is safe and that flying is in fact your "thing."

And don't let the expense of learning how to fly hold you back either! The Aero Club is the only flight school in Northwest Louisiana authorized to conduct flight training using your Montgomery GI Bill. The MGIB will reimburse 60 percent of the cost of all professional pilot ratings. When the airline industry steps back onto the top rung of the ladder of corporate success, make sure you are trained and ready to go! Call Mike Calvert, 2nd Services Squadron Aero Club, at 456-8179 to enroll.

## Unauthorized medals not to be worn

Air Force personnel are not authorized to wear new awards on their uniform that are not yet fully developed and authorized by the Air Force. Global War On Terrorism and Air and Space Campaign medals, among others, have been announced and are being developed. However, their criteria and implementation procedures have not been finalized. When the criteria and implementation procedures are concluded, they will be provided to servicing Military Personnel Flights for full implementation. Until then, members are cautioned that commercially procuring new awards does not automatically authorize their use on the Air Force uniform.

## Travel-payment process made simple

The Air Force has automated the process of filing travel-accrual payment requests for military travelers, making it available on the Virtual Military Personnel Flight Web page: [http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/km/vMPF\\_Portal/vMPF\\_Portal.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/km/vMPF_Portal/vMPF_Portal.htm).

Travelers can now complete their travel accrual worksheet anytime and on any computer with internet access. Once completed, they will have the option to e-mail it directly to their home-station Financial Services Office. The traveler should keep in mind that the accrual-travel payment voucher is input into the travel system as a travel advance until a final travel-settlement voucher is processed upon completion of duty. All receipts, orders and amendments should be retained to file with the final voucher.

Contact the 2nd Bomb Wing Financial Services Office Customer Service at 456-4733, option 9 or via e-mail at the 2nd Bomb Wing Pay Inquiry e-mail box: [Pay@BARKSDALE.AF.MIL](mailto:Pay@BARKSDALE.AF.MIL) for more information. All voice mail messages are answered within 24 hours if a technician is not available to answer the call.

## Tuition reimbursement is in the bank

As of February 2003, all students receiving tuition assistance will receive their reimbursement from DANTES by direct deposit into their personal checking or savings account with a description reading, "DFAS-Pensacola."

## Split payment is no longer an option

Military travelers must now select the split disbursement option on travel vouchers to pay their Government Travel Card expenses. Split disbursement requires members to tally up their GTC expenses

and ensure sufficient funds are sent automatically to Bank of America to pay off their charges. The remainder is sent to the member's personal account. Contact Billy Thorn, 917th Wing GTC administrator, at 456-9546, for more information.

## Feel "free" to save money

Freedom cards, which offer an array of discounts from local businesses, are available now to reservists and their families at the Base Family Support Center, located in Bldg. 4713 on Kenny Avenue. The Freedom Card is provided to families courtesy of the American Red Cross, Bossier Chamber of Commerce, Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Northwest Louisiana. Contact the FSC at 456-8200 for more information.

## Stop unwanted phone calls

Beginning in July, consumers may enter their telephone number in a national "Do Not Call" registry, making it easier to stop unwanted telemarketing calls. Information regarding the registry may be accessed at the Federal Trade Commission Web site: <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/donotcall/index.html>.

Beware of scam artists who are attempting to take advantage of this new consumer registry, offering consumers "pre-registration" for a fee. Web sites or phone solicitations that claim they can or will register a consumer's name or phone number on a national list, especially those who charge a fee, are all scams.

Consumers will be able to register on-line directly with the FTC at the Web site listed above or through some state governments, but never via private companies or other private entities.

## Top 3 hosts SNCO Induction Ceremony

Everyone is invited to the third annual Senior Noncommissioned Officer Induction Ceremony to be held on July 18 at Hoban Hall. Cocktails will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7. Guest speaker will be Chief Master Sgt. Milton Bryant, 2nd Logistics Readiness Squadron. Cost is \$17 per person. Dress is mess dress, semi-formal or civilian equivalent for civilians in attendance. Sign up with Master Sgt. Tamara Stephens, 917th Wing career assistance advisor in Bldg. 6803, Rm. 154B, or call to confirm your attendance at 456-1003 no later than July 14.

## Travel not to be paid without signature

Supervisors are now required to review and sign travel claims and return any that do not accurately reflect the amount to be disbursed to the travel card back to the member for correction. Vouchers received at the 2nd Bomb Wing Finance Office without the supervisor's signature or amount to be split disbursed to the GTC will be returned to the traveler via finance distribution to the unit orderly room. Contact 1st Lt. Bryce Dahlin, 2nd Comptroller Squadron financial services officer, at 456-3211 for more information.

## Hunting course to be held

The Red Chute Shotgun Sports Club is hosting a certified Louisiana Hunter Safety Course for anyone age 12 and older on July 17-19 at the Barksdale AFB conservation office located on the east reservation. The class is scheduled for July 17-18 from 6-9 p.m. and July 19 from 8 a.m.-noon. Class size is limited to 25 students, and you must pre register by calling 865-8688. For more information, call Lloyd Webb at 456-4582.



# Celebrating religious freedom

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bill Willis Sr.  
Wing Chaplains Office

July 4<sup>th</sup>, Independence Day, is the date we celebrate the birth of our nation. We who serve in the armed forces pledge to defend the Constitution of the United States against all its enemies, both foreign and domestic. The first amendment to the Constitution addresses the issue of religious freedom. That is the basis for the United States Air Force Chaplain Service. In fact, our mission is: "To provide Air Force members and their families the opportunity to exercise their constitutional right to freedom of religion."

This constitutional right is also guaranteed in our military customs, policy directives, instructions, and law. With all the constraints that military life brings, one freedom that all members can still count on is the freedom to exercise their religious faith. In spite of all the various faith groups we may come from, we serve and protect each individual's right to exercise his faith in good conscience even as we work together as a team to accomplish our unit's mission. As you take time to celebrate our nation's independence, also remember to celebrate all the freedoms you enjoy, including the right to exercise your religious faith.

## 917th Wing Salutes NEWCOMERS

### 307 RHS

Capt. Nicholas Zeisler, Austin, Texas

### 917 AMXS

Senior Airman Sean Parker, Paris, Texas

### 917 LRS

Airman 1st Class Paul Carter, Shreveport, La.

### 917 MDS

Senior Airman Jason Vickers, Texarkana, Texas

Senior Airman Thomas Weindruch, Shannon Hills, Ark.

## RETIREMENTS

Senior Master Sgt. Harry Stewart, 917 MXS

Master Sgt. Charles McIntire, 307 RHS

## CHANGE OF COMMAND

**Maj. Ken Honaker** assumed command of the 917th Maintenance Squadron on June 7. **Capt. Travis Caughlin** assumed command of the 717th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, replacing Honaker.

## WING COMMANDER'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### First Place

Chuck, Dan, Devon and Melissa Hubbard

### Second Place

Earl Freeland, Robbie Fuller, Jason Kennedy,  
Nathan Ziegler

### Third Place

Donna and Mike Duell, Randy Sorrell,  
Johnny Weaver

### Last Place

Wayne Ward, Tony Pierce, Ben Dorsey,  
Terrel Broxson

### Longest Drive

Chad Puckett, Bree Zee Crabtree

### Most Accurate Drive

J.D. Ransom

### Closest to the Pin on Hole 2

Dave Marshall

### Closest to the Pin on Hole 10

Steve Lindberg

## Getting the Reserve AEF back on track

By Tech. Sgt. Ruben Delgado  
Wing Public Affairs

While many deployed airmen are returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom to heros welcomes, others deployed for as much as three times longer are still waiting to hear when they will come home.

According to Air Force Chief of Staff General John Jumper in a letter written May 9, the length of Air and Space Expeditionary Forces is temporarily extending to 120-day deployments. The four-month deployments will continue until March 2004 when they will return to 90-day rotations.

Locally, the 917th Wing was originally scheduled to support AEF cycle four.

"Because of the war, we were tasked to deploy earlier than our scheduled dates," said Tech. Sgt. Dan Hubbard, 917<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron readiness noncommissioned officer-in-charge. "We are in the process of swapping out personnel and trying to get back on track."

"The issue is, What job were these people sent to do," said Maj. Gen. Timothy Peppe, special assistant for AEF matters at the Pentagon. "Some of the people in OIF are already home because that operation went so well and so quickly that the combatant commander was able to release them. We would like to rotate people home more quickly, but the bottom line is that it takes time to make this happen"

"We want to get on with the rotation," Peppe said, "but there is a mission at hand, and we will support that mission. Everyone who did not deploy needs to be on notice that we may need them to be part of this rotation, or the next, as we get back to a more normal AEF rhythm. Those who have been home the longest will be first to go."

"The Air Force was initially tasked to deploy approximately 120,000 active-duty, guard and reserve airmen, nearly one-quarter of the service's military people to support the mission in Iraq. However, we only needed to deploy approximately 50,000," Peppe said. "That feat is a testament to the awesome work of our people and the AEF that was flexible enough to adapt to mission requirements and fill them as needed."

(Information for this article obtained from the AF Times/Barksdale Observer)



**Airman of the Quarter**  
**Senior Airman Melissa Hubbard**  
**917th Medical Squadron**



**NCO of the Quarter**  
**Tech. Sgt. David Tefertiller**  
**917th Maintenance Squadron**

# UCI: Wing receives high marks

**By Staff Sgt. Shannon Collins  
Wing Public Affairs**

The 917th Wing received praise and high marks during the recent Unit Compliance Inspection.

Brig. Gen. Jack Ihle, 917th Wing commander, commended the Wing's reservists on a job well done.

"Every member of our Wing can be proud of their contributions in making the 917th Wing one of the best in the Air Force Reserve Command," said Ihle.

The Inspector General agreed.

"The 917th Wing UCI results are as

impressive as their combat operations. All inspected areas were rated satisfactory. The Wing had 13 findings and 17 observations – the best results during my tour," wrote Col. Robert Bailey, IG, AFRC Headquarters, to Lt. Gen. James Sherrard III, AFRC commander.

"Brig. Gen. Ihle provided extraordinary support to our inspection team, and the Wing was exceptionally open with all inspectors, which facilitated a constructive dialogue," said Bailey during the UCI outbrief. "We salute Brig. Gen. Ihle's leadership and the professionalism of the 917th Wing team."

An AFRC IG team evaluated the Wing's compliance with Congressional, Department of Defense, Air Force, AFRC and gaining command policies and directives in May. A Reserve Wing UCI inspection happens every five years.

"Our team focuses on the important challenges that directly impact your Wing's readiness," said Bailey.

Safety, logistics, the commander's oversight program, operations, the Certification Testing program and resource management were rated satisfactory. Findings where the Wing needs to improve included the Wing Management Control Program, lodging, aircrew protection, Status Of Resources and Training System processes, and more.

The 917th Wing Military Equal Opportunity program and the 47th Fighter Squadron Information and Scheduling Program received commendables. The team commended 20 superior performers and three superior teams.

The team also recognized Senior Master Sgt. Charles Shaw, 917th Maintenance Squadron accessories flight superintendent, for exemplary courtesy, dress and appearance.

To view the final report when it becomes available, visit the IG Reports Web site: <https://wwwmil.afrc.af.mil/HQ/IG/reports.htm>.

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These missions, Travis says, not only help those on the ground to better learn their jobs, but they also help the pilots sharpen their skills.

"These deployments are an opportunity to exercise your pilot skills at a different level," Travis said. "Here (at Shelby Range), we can go after different types of targets at a different range, with advanced tactics. We don't know where all the targets are, and we've got to actually find them. The guy tells you the target is at a certain grid. Wow! I don't already know where that is. I'm going to actually have to open the map up, look it up, find it...and use the ground FAC's description."

"The guys on the ground have gotten more training in the past six days than they normally get in six months," he said. "The fighter pilot to ground forward air controller cross training is critical to effective and efficient Close Air Support. It's our core mission, which separates us from the CAS-wannabes."



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. SHERRI SAVANT  
**Tech. Sgt. Mike Duell, 717 AMXS weapons loader, installs a BDU-33 bomb onto a triple ejector rack on an A-10**



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. SHERRI SAVANT  
**Capt. Travis Caughlin, 717 AMXS commander, is given egress training on the A-10 aircraft by Tech. Sgt. Stephen Windmann, 917 MXS aircrew egress systems mechanic.**

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watch.' We've all seen where a new supervisor will come in and immediately say, 'This is what we're going to do or change.' I don't like to do that. I prefer to spend sufficient time absorbing what is going on to where I am more educated on the organization's dynamics."

"I hope to gain a better understanding of day-to-day operations in addition to the big picture," Caughlin said. "I've been able to walk out on the line during a launch and have the crew chiefs, specialists and weapons personnel explain to me what they do and how they're doing it."

"He is very open and willing to learn about the fighter," said Senior Master Sgt. Tommy Robinson, 717 AMXS production supervisor. "During this deployment (to Gulfport, Miss.), he has come out to the line on nearly every go, asking questions of all of us who have been doing this for a while."

"I'm most impressed with the quality of the supervision and leadership...very organized, very experienced," said Caughlin. "It's run so well through the senior NCO and NCO ranks. I just observe and help them when I can. I think that well-oiled machine I was told about before I came here holds true."



# 917th Wing Training Schedule

July 12-13, 2003

Time	Event	Location
<b>Saturday</b>		
0630-0700	Sign-in	Assigned unit
0700	Wing staff meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0700	Intro -- all newcomers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0700	Physical exam (flyers)	Base hospital (lobby)
0730	Detailed physical exam (non-flyers)	Base hospital (lobby)
0730-1000	Body fat measurement	Flight medicine
0730-1400	Immunizations	Base hospital, 1st floor
0730-1430	Eyeglass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (by hospital)
0745	Firearms training	Firing range
0800	Routine physical exam	Base hospital, 2nd floor
0800 & 1300	Chem Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
0900	FOD meeting	MXG conference room
0900	Anti-terrorism training	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0930 & 1030	Family Support briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1000	Training Managers mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123B
1000	Unit Deployment Managers mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1000	First sergeants' mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1300	Flightline drivers training	Bldg. 6825, 3rd floor
1300	HRDC mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1400	MSS commander's call	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1400	Unit Advisory Council mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
<b>Sunday</b>		
0630-0700	Sign in	Assigned Unit
0730	Information Management Training	Bldg. 4238, STARBASE
0730	Human Relations	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0730-1430	Immunizations	Base hospital
0745	Firearms training	Firing range
0800-1000	Dental Class 3 profile reviews	Base dental clinic
0800-1300	Eyeglass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (by hospital)
0800	Initial Warfare (appointment only)	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 329
0800	Chem Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
0800	Career advisor training	Bldg. 6815, T-Net
0830	Substance Abuse	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0900	Catholic Mass	Base Chapel 2
0900	MXG change of command	A-10 hangar
0945	EO First Duty Station Part 1	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor
1000-1030	Protestant services	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1000	Webmasters mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1030	Family Support briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1230	EOC testing	Bldg. 4314, 3rd floor
1300	EO First Duty Station Part 2	Bldg. 4714, 3rd floor
1300	Flightline drivers refresher	Bldg. 6825, 3rd floor
1400	SORTS meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1500	717 AMXS commander's call	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1530	47 FS commander's call	47 FS auditorium

**1550-1610 Sign-out 1550-- CES, MSS, WG 1600-- MXG 1610--MXS**  
**Know anyone who is looking for a recruiter?**

## **Barksdale AFB, La.**

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# SERVICES

## ***Military Personnel Flight***

**Bldg. 6803, Room 140, 456-9205**

### **Saturday**

7 - 11 a.m. Newcomers in-processing  
 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. All customer service functions

### **Sunday**

8 a.m. - 2 p.m. All customer service functions

### **Monday - Friday**

7 a.m. - 4 p.m. All services

**NOTE: Customer Service functions include in/out processing, ID cards, DEERS, DD93s, SGLI, vehicle decals, record reviews, etc.**

## ***Base Billeting***

**Bldg. 5155, 456-3091/3092**

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week  
 (reservations required)

## ***Lodging***

For information on official or space "A" lodging call 1-888-AF-LODGE. Key in the first three letters of the base you are trying to reach.

## ***Chaplain***

**Bldg. 6803, Room 229, 456-9179**

Friday - Sunday 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Willis (985) 517-0955

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Eubanks (479) 841-4641

Chaplain (Capt.) DeVaul (713) 502-1124

## ***Red River Dining Hall***

**Bldg. 4631**

Breakfast 5:30 - 6:30 a.m.

Lunch 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**NOTE: You must show ID card, newcomer's letter or DD form 1172.**

## ***Family Readiness***

**Bldg. 4713**

Saturday & Sunday 8-11 a.m.

## ***Military drivers license***

Military drivers license issue is available on the main UTA in Bldg. 6825, Rm. 240. Issue hours:

Saturday & Sunday, noon - 2 p.m.

## ***Military Pay***

Saturday and Sunday (main UTA) 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## ***Gov. Travel Card Service***

**Bldg. 6803, Room 203, 456-9546**

Monday - Friday, Main UTA 6 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

## ***Military clothing issue***

**Bldg. 6825, Room 218, 456-7177**

Wednesday 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday (Main UTA) 1-3 p.m.

## ***Testing schedule***

### ***CDC/PME***

Wed., 9 a.m., 1 p.m., Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123B  
 Sun., (Main UTA) 9 a.m. ONLY, Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123B - Course 00005A/00012G

Sun., (Main UTA) 12:30 p.m., Bldg. 4314, Rm. 309

Sun., (Alt. UTA) 1 p.m., Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123B

### ***DANTES/CLEP***

Thurs., 9 a.m., 1 p.m., Bldg. 6803, Rm. 152

Sun., (Main UTA) 12:30 p.m., Bldg. 4314, Rm. 309

### ***AFOQT/AFCT***

Sunday of UTA on a quarterly basis as scheduled  
 Call Wing Education and Training at 456-7496/  
 8066/7506 for times or scheduling requirements.

## ***Gas Mask Issue***

Saturday (main UTA) 7-9 a.m., Bldg. 6822



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# Slam dunk!

Maj. Marc Olson, 47th Fighter Squadron A-10 aircraft commander, receives a congratulatory wet-down after reaching 3000 hours of piloting the A-10 aircraft during the 47 FS deployment to the Combat Readiness Training Center in Gulfport, Miss., in June.

## UTA Schedule

Main	Alternate
July 12-13	July 19-20
Aug. 2-3	Aug. 16-17
Sept. 6-7	Sept. 13-14
Oct. 4-5	Oct. 18-19
Nov. 1-2	Nov. 15-16
Dec. 6-7	No alternate
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Jan. 10-11	Jan. 24-25
Feb. 7-8	Feb. 21-22
March 6-7	March 20-21
April 3-4	April 17-18
May 1-2	May 15-16
June 5-6	June 12-13
July 10-11	July 17-18
Aug. 7-8	Aug. 21-22
Sept. 11-12	Sept. 18-19
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